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AS OFFHAND REACTION TOUGH POSITION TAKEN BY GROMYKO  
IN TODAY'S TALKS, FOLLOWING WOULD SEEM BE POSSIBLE EXPLANATIONS.

1) THIS IS USUAL SOVIET NEGOTIATING TACTIC. AM INCLINED  
IN CIRCUMSTANCES DISCOUNT THIS AS SOVIETS WELL AWARE  
FRENCH ATTITUDE AND POSSIBILITY WE WOULD SIMPLY BREAK  
OFF EXPLORATORY DISCUSSIONS.

2) SOVIETS HAVE SOME REASON DESIRE TO DRAW OUT PRESENT  
DISCUSSIONS. GROMYKO SPECIFICALLY STATED CONTRARY AND  
AM INCLINED BELIEVE HIM.

3) SOVIET MAY WISH IMPASSE IN PRESENT TALKS IN ORDER  
HAVE CRACK AT GERMANS.

4) SOVIETS WISH DEVELOP IMPASSE IN HOPE ACHIEVE SUMMIT  
MEETING, MEETING WITH PRESIDENT, OR AT LEAST MEETING WITH  
MACMILLAN.

5) SOVIETS HAVING GOOD IDEA OF WHAT OUR MINIMUM REQUIREMENTS  
FOR AGREEMENT WOULD BE, PREFER TO HAVE BREAKDOWN AND  
PROCEED WITH SEPARATE TREATY, PROBABLY WITH INTENTION  
SOME ARRANGEMENT TO INSURE THAT AT LEAST IN BEGINNING  
OUR ACCESS NOT INTERFERED WITH. CURRENT EVIDENCE APPEARS  
POINT IN THIS DIRECTION.

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